

# Candidates Present Platforms

## KLUSMAN

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an extent that home building discourages itself automatically.

Torrance has a municipal government, and has had such from the beginning, that favors the issuing of bonded indebtedness for the interest of speculators and investors, who thereby increase their profit to themselves but lessen the building of homes for working people—who, after all, are the mainstay of the grocery men, the butcher shops, and all business institutions that make up such a city as Torrance is—a working men's city, that depends on a payroll every week or twice a month, etc. The trainloads of men that come in the morning and the trainloads of men that go out in the evening speak for themselves and need no other argument, and I will say nothing about the automobile brigade that fills our streets morning and evening with working people from outside towns.

Torrance is a new city, just beginning—only three years old. We must go very carefully as to our municipal expenditures; we must govern ourselves as to the majority of our inhabitants, who are mostly working people with limited salaries and with homes that are being paid for by the monthly payment plan.

Such bonded indebtedness as is necessary for Torrance must be very carefully considered by our municipal authorities, as well as all the people, and such bond issues must be of real value to the citizen, to enhance his comfort, well-being and convenience. That is what the bonds are for.

The legislation of our municipal authorities should be at all times for the benefit of all citizens and property owners, and not for the entire benefit of speculators and investors, because it is the families that live in our midst, that earn their money and spend it here for their daily wants—they are our nearest neighbors, and therefore need our consideration.

Torrance has five thousand inhabitants, a nominal city, and our municipal expenses should be nominal also. Our bond issues should be nominal as well, and herein will lie the great success of Torrance. If we proceed carefully and cautiously Torrance will be a wonderful place to live in, in the future; but if we keep on and vote bonds and get into debt knee-deep and neck-high, then Torrance will grow very slowly. People will live outside of Torrance and work in Torrance, just as they do now. Trainloads of workmen will go in and out of Torrance every day, and the profits that the speculator or the investor has made by the special legislation of the municipal authorities will absolutely be of no benefit to Torrance, or to the people that are making their home here.

The large bond issues will only be a millstone around the neck of the people, and of no value to them in particular.

I have given the most important details of the situation, as it appears to me as a citizen, property owner and voter, and also as a candidate for the office of city trustee; and as every municipal city must have a governing body, which is the very background or foundation of its success or failure, I want to say that out of the aforesaid my policy or platform can be easily seen.

In other words, I believe in strict and practical economy in all public affairs.

I believe in avoiding as many bond issues as possible.

I believe that it is absolutely unnecessary to vote a hundred thousand dollars bonds for a city hall at this time.

I absolutely object to the following at all times: That any minority body of men and women, such as the so-called and self-styled Progress Club, should dictate as to the affairs of any public improvement and thereby cover up the prerogative which our present city trustees are exerting for the special benefit of speculators and investors.

I am absolutely in favor of paving Western avenue, by the majority vote

## DEININGER

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zons who must pay for them and that the board of trustees is the medium through which the citizens may express their wishes.

### Zoning

I believe that the city zoning law should be interpreted to encourage building without destroying the beauty of the city. We want Torrance to keep on building, but we must preserve the beauty of our streets and maintain some kind of order in our various zoned districts.

### Ordinances

It is better to have fewer ordinances properly enforced than hundreds of ordinances which cannot be enforced. I believe the ordinances of the city should be co-ordinated with an idea of clarifying their meaning and facilitating their enforcement.

### Finances

The trustees are now operating on the budget system. This system should be continued. It is based on sound business. Every dollar of the taxpayers' money must be expended in such a manner that it returns one hundred per cent service and benefits.

### City Hall

If the people of Torrance approve the bond issue for a City hall, the new board should exercise the utmost caution in planning the building. It may not be necessary to use all of the proposed \$100,000. The proposed structure, however, should be built with an eye to the future. We must not be "penny wise and pound foolish."

### Conclusion

The trustees are merely directors of a corporation in which every citizen is a stockholder. It devolves on the board to represent those stockholders fairly and without favor or prejudice. This, if elected, I propose to do, to the best of my ability.

R. J. DEININGER.

of the people, and on an equal assessment plan.

The above describes my platform, and on such I am a candidate for city trustee of Torrance.

Yours very truly,

W. T. KLUSMAN,  
2018 Carson St., Torrance, Cal.

## THE IRISH IN IT

Mickey and Patsy had been schoolmates together, but they had drifted apart in after life. They met one day, and the conversation turned on athletics.

"Did ye ivir meet my brother Dennis?" asked Pat. "He has just won a gold medal in a foot race."

"Bedad," replied Mike. "Sure an' that's foine. But did I ivir tell ye about my uncle at Ballycluna?"

"I don't remember," replied Pat.

"Well," said Mike, "he's got a gold medal for five miles an' one for ten miles, two sets of carvers for cycling, a silver medal for swimming, two cups for wrestling, an' badges for boxing an' rowing!"

"Begorra," said Pat, "he must have bin a wonderful athlete, indade."

"Shure an' he's no athlete at all at all," came the reply. "He kapes the pawnshop."

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## SMITH

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sage through the kindness of The Herald: That, if elected to the board, I will, to the best of my ability, serve the entire city, fairly, squarely, without bias, and in the best interests of all.

I believe that the position of a citizen in life's battle has nothing whatever to do with his standing before the board of trustees. Be he rich or poor he should be heard and his opinion should carry what weight it deserves, regardless of the size of his pocketbook.

It behooves the board of trustees to guard expenditures carefully. We are happily possessed of a low tax rate. It should be kept as low as is commensurate with civic progress and community betterment.

Three other candidates and myself have been urged to run for office by the Torrance Progress club, an organization of voters, representing all walks of life. These civic-spirited citizens, members of the Progress club, have only one thought in mind when they enter into the municipal affairs. That is the progress, upbuilding of this city and the safeguarding of the interests of the whole community.

The candidates whom the Progress club members have selected to run for city trustees are R. J. Deininger, for the short term, and Willis M. Brooks, J. S. Torrance and myself, for the long term. They are pledged to a platform of Justice, Economy, Progress and Fair Play. They are against

## BROOKS

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ment, economy in the expenditures of its money.

I believe that our city government exists only as the will of the people dictates, and that the board of trustees should, in all things, consider the wishes of the people first.

I am for improvements which the people want.

I am against special privilege as destructive to the very foundations of democratic government.

I believe that servants of the city should be retained just as long as they serve faithfully and efficiently and I believe that when they cease to be faithful and efficient they should be removed without fear or favor.

Thanking you for this opportunity of expressing myself, and hoping that my views will meet with the approval of a majority of the citizens of Torrance, I am

Sincerely yours,  
WILLIS M. BROOKS.

no group in the city and represent no clique, but stand four-square for stalwart representation of the honestly arrived-at convictions of the majority of Torrance citizens.

Leaving my own candidacy out of consideration, as a citizen of this fair city I can without reservation, and do, commend the candidacies of Messrs. Brooks, Torrance and Deininger to the people of Torrance.

Respectfully,  
R. R. SMITH.

## TAYLOR

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Torrance, still, if you doubt my ability, honesty or integrity, and therefore cannot favor my candidacy, I entreat you one and all to thoroughly (which means favorably) consider the two other candidates above named—Mr. Steadman and Mr. Elman.

My platform, people of Torrance, is a simple one. Abraham Lincoln, than whom no greater American has lived, believed implicitly in "government of the people, by the people, for the people," and that same belief is my guiding star.

I believe honesty, integrity and ability to be the prime attributes of one in public office.

I believe the City of Torrance is destined to become a great and important community.

I believe no stone should be left unturned in the march of this city along the line of progress to hasten its substantial upbuilding.

I believe in municipal ownership and operation of public utilities serving the city, such as water works.

I believe it proper to improve and repair the streets and alleys of Torrance when finances permit, and without saddening an excessive tax burden upon the property owners.

I believe in fostering and duly protecting industry and business, the backbone of any and all human centers.

I believe the City of Torrance should acquire property and erect a city hall, but not at a cost of one hundred thousand dollars. Let us be sane, not lavish.

I believe in strenuously encouraging the erection of dwellings to house the multitudes which daily must come and go to and from our good city because of the dearth of homes.

I believe developments in territory adjoining the restricted limits in Torrance clearly show it is impracticable, and undesirable, and economically impossible, to profitably drill for oil or produce oil in the Torrance Townsite; therefore I am opposed to any such plan, if it might ever have been considered feasible.

These are chief among the planks of my platform, voters of Torrance, and may be assembled by any person desirous to know where I stand. If elected, I shall well and truly strive to serve your city, your interests, in an honest and efficient manner, without fear, favor or folly.

Respectfully submitted,  
LEE R. TAYLOR.

## STEADMAN

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ident and property owner of the fair city of Torrance. My views on public affairs are pretty well known to all my friends and fellow citizens, and I hardly need mention them, but I will say that I believe in the building of a large and more beautiful city. I believe we should encourage the establishing of new industries in Torrance. I believe in attracting home builders to our city. I believe in municipal improvements, as the city grows and is able to afford them, and with this in mind, believe that low tax rates are necessary, if we are to attract outside capital for the building of new industries and more homes.

I have been asked by friends how I stand regarding the proposed new city hall. Inasmuch as our present Board of Trustees has decided that we need a new city hall building, and has placed the question on the ballot so that the voters of Torrance may decide whether or not bonds shall issue for the construction of such a building, I feel that I can safely abide by the decision of the voters.

In the minds of some of the good business people of Torrance lingers a vague suspicion that there is still a possible chance that oil may be discovered under some of our big new store buildings. I am sure they are unnecessarily alarmed. Has not nature answered and settled all arguments regarding the oil issue? Certain people have even ventured to remark "If Steadman is elected, we will have oil derricks all over Torrance." I should feel honored to be classed with Doherty and Sinclair! However, I am no magician, folks. I believe that a matter of such vital interest as the oil question should be decided by the people, and not by special interests. Dear friends, when you hear such "bunk" from the lips of otherwise intelligent people, consider the motive.

Torrance is a great little city, and has all the chance in the world to become a very large and beautiful city. I hope I am given the opportunity, as one of your City Trustees, to take an active part in deciding and moulding its future.

"In this world the best man in politics is not the one who is ever seeking something from office, but the man who is ever giving of the best that is in him to his office."

Keeping this thought in mind, folks, I promise you that, should I be elected—with your support and with the help of God—I will serve you to the very best of my ability.

Respectfully,  
GEO. R. STEADMAN.

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